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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

FROM US LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

1. COMMITTEE I: GROUP OF FIVE MET FRIDAY TO DISCUSS
US DRAFT ARTICLE ON COUNCIL. UK INDICATED IT STILL
OPPOSED INTRODUCTION BY US. OTHERWISE, MEMBERS OF FIVE
APPEAR REASONABLY BEHIND US ARTICLE WHICH HAS
BEEN SIMPLIFIED BY REMOVING TECHNICAL PROXY PROVISIONS.
WE WILL CIRCULATE REVISED DRAFT TO FIVE TODAY FOR
FINAL COMMENT AND BEGIN INFORMAL CIRCULATION TOMORROW.
ON SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS, USSR RAISED SERIOUS PROBLEMS
WITH VAGUENESS OF OUR ENTERPRISE FINANCING PROPOSAL,
EMPHASIZING THAT SECRETARY'S COMMENTS WOULD GENERATE
MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN MOSCOW. SOVIETS AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF FIVE WERE INSISTENT THAT WE EXPLAIN SECRETARY'S
PROPOSALS AND DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION ON URGENT BASIS
AND US DEL AGREED TO TRY TO BE PREPARED TO OUTLINE OUR
IDEAS THIS WEEK WITHIN GROUP OF FIVE EXCLUSIVELY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT JAGOTA (INDIA, CO-CHAIRMAN OF
C-I WORKSHOP) HELD MEETING OF SELECTED LDC DELS FRIDAY
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AT WHICH HE PRESENTED HIS PROPOSAL ON COMPULSORY

ROTATION OF ENTERPRISE AND STATE/PRIVATE PARTY CONTRACTS AS COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO FINANCING ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT BY SECRETARY. NO DEL SUPPORTED OR REJECTED EITHER JAGOTA OR SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS, BUT DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON G-77 STRATEGY, WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT US WOULD NEVER PASS UNILATERAL LEGISLATION AND THEREFORE G-77 SHOULD CONTINUE HARDLINE POSITION.

3. COMMITTEE II: COMMITTEE II MET AS A SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, AS AN NG TO FINISH DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN AND REVENUE SHARING. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN, IN HIS FINAL REPORT TO THE NG (NEGOTIATING GROUP), SUMMARIZED THE RESULTS AS FOLLOWS: HE SAID THERE EXISTS BROAD SUPPORT FOR A MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES WITH FOCUS ON THE IRISH/CANADIAN FORMULA. WITH RESPECT TO REVENUE SHARING, HE DETECTED SUPPORT FOR ROYALTIES BEYOND 200 MILES AS OPPOSED TO PROFIT SHARING AND MENTIONED THE U.S. FIGURE OF FIVE PERCENT AS A "MINIMUM". HE FELT THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CONTRIBUTING TO REVENUE SHARING IN SOME WAY, AND HE NOTED SOME SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY AS THE ORGAN TO DISTRIBUTE REVENUES, BUT DID NOT RULE OUT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE QUESTION OF SCHEDULING THE COMMITTEE'S WORK FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD WAS LEFT OPEN PENDING AGUILAR'S RETURN, BUT THERE WAS A FEELING THAT FURTHER SESSIONS WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR THE SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND POSSIBLY THE GROUP ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN.

3. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: INFORMAL PLENARY DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE LOS TRIBUNAL. SPEAKERS FROM ARAB GROUP PROPOSED SUCH ACCESS FOR STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE LOS CONVENTION AND TERRITORIES WHICH HAVE PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVERS IN THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU OR ARAB LEAGUE. FRG PROPOSED ACCESS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. US SUPPORTED ACCESS ONLY FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES, EXCEPT IN RESPECT OF PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WITH THE AUTHORITY AND VESSEL OWNERS SEEKING PROMPT RELEASE OF DETAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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4. GENERAL: AMBASSADOR LEARSON MET WITH MINISTER EVENSEN AND PAUL ENGO (CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE I) AT HIS HOME ON MONDAY NIGHT. THE PURPOSE WAS TO ENDEAVOR TO ORGANIZE A SMALL GROUP THAT COULD ADVISE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON REVISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE I TEXT. EVENSEN AGREED TO CHAIR THE EFFORT IN LIEU OF CASTANEDA,

WHO RETURNS TO MEXICO TODAY.
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